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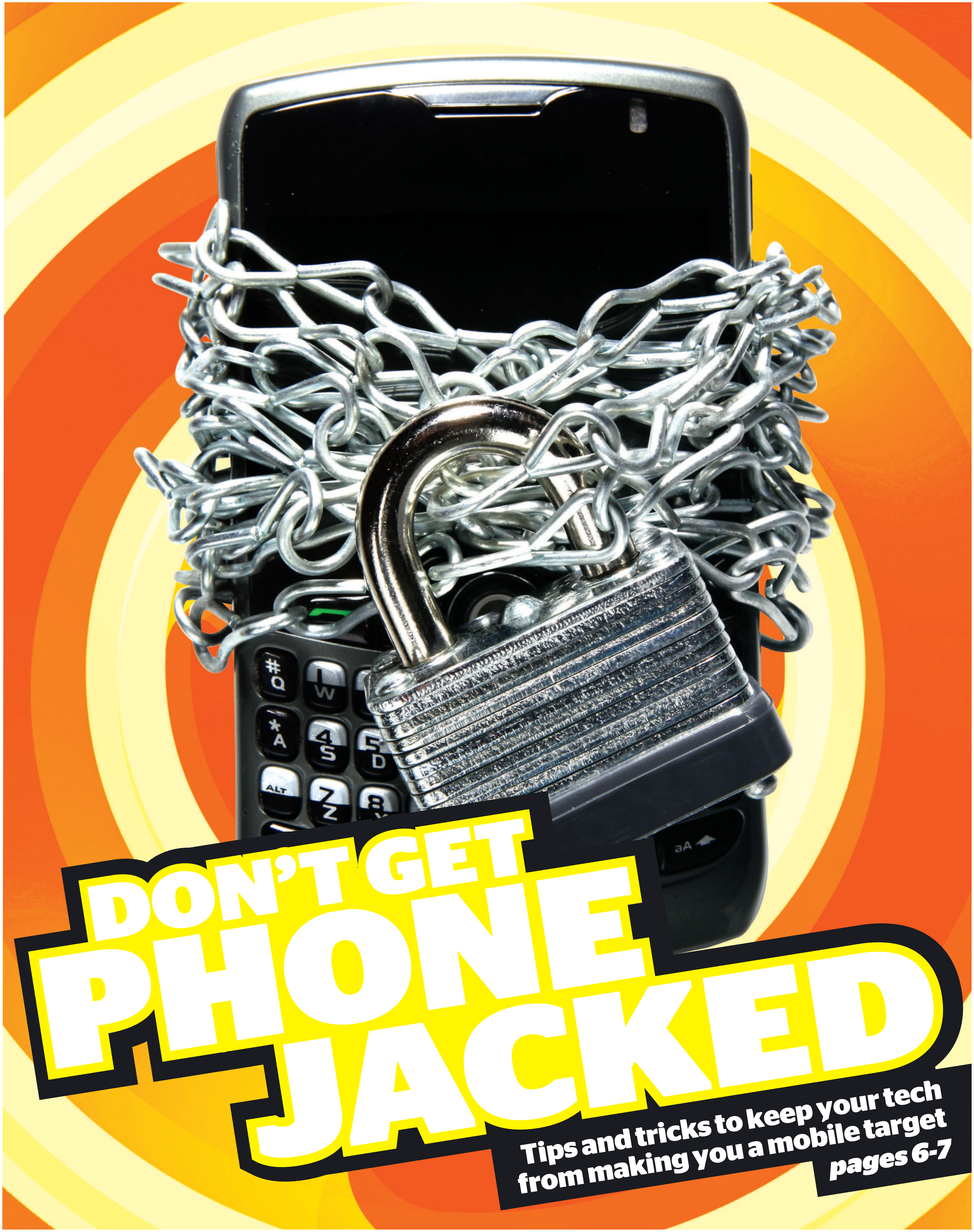

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Tips and tricks to keep your tech from making you a mobile target

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By Rebecca Palmore
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St. Andrews Gym, 1658 W. Addison St.

Need stress relief? Get it vicariously at the Chicago Golden Gloves. The amateur boxing tourney starts Thursday with preliminary bouts. 7:30 p.m. Through April 10. $10: **chicagogoldengloves.com**

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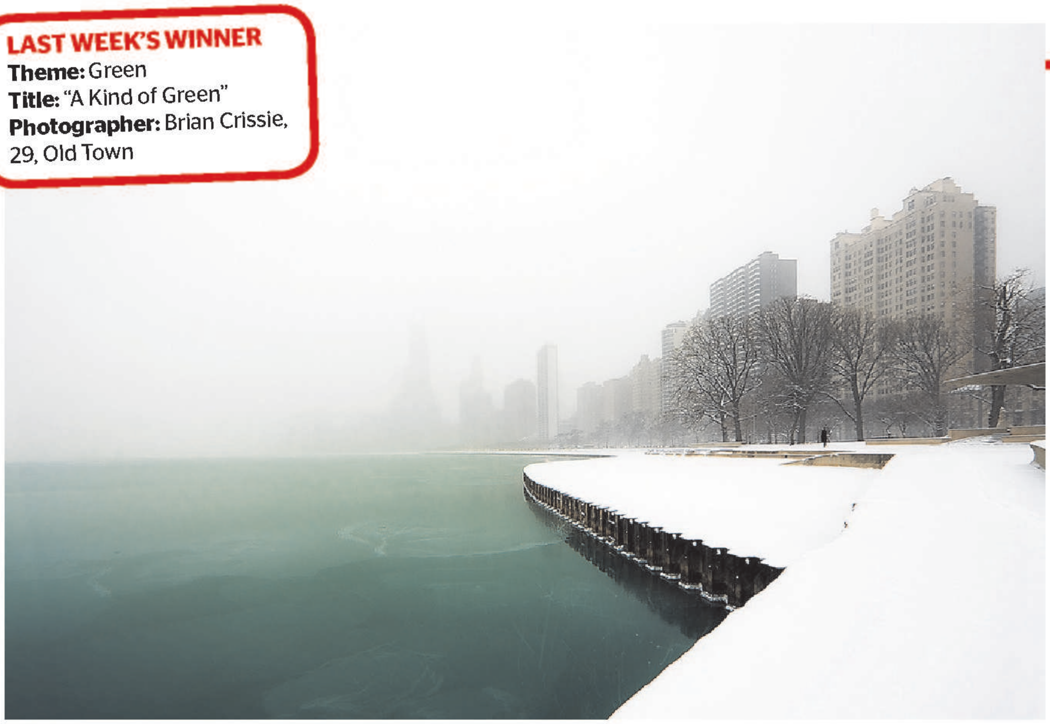

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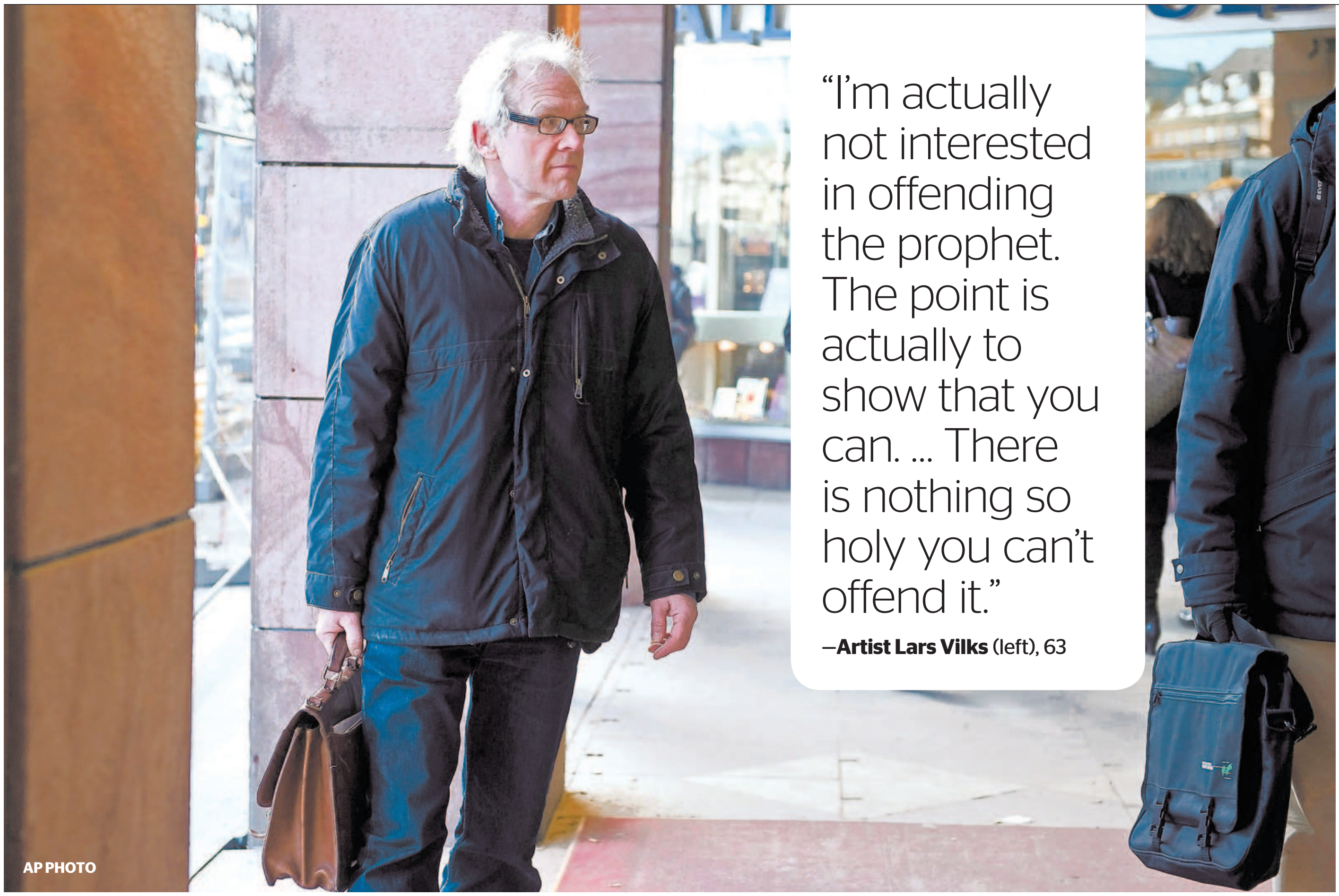

"I'm actually not interested in offending the prophet. The point is actually to show that you can. ... There is nothing so holy you can't offend it."

—**Artist Lars Vilks** (left), 63

AP PHOTO

Defending his art

Cartoonist doesn't regret portrayal of Muhammed

Associated Press

The point of a caricature depicting the Prophet Muhammad as a dog was to show that artistic freedom allows mockery of all religions, including the most sacred symbols of Islam, the Swedish artist who created it said Wednesday.

Lars Vilks—the target of an alleged murder plot involving an American woman who dubbed herself "Jihad Jane"—told The Associated Press he has no regrets about the drawing, which is considered deeply offensive by many Muslims. Here now, excerpts from the interview and reaction.

"If something happens, I know exactly what to do."

—**Vilks**, who told the AP he now has built his own defense system, including a "homemade" safe room and a barbed-wire sculpture that could electrocute potential intruders.

"A dog is unclean. To describe Muhammad as a dog is like saying you are unclean" to Muslims.

—**Nalin Pekgul**, a moderate Muslim and high-ranking member of Sweden's opposition Social Democratic Party, who told Swedish Radio the threats against Vilks were unacceptable but added Vilks' drawing had profoundly hurt Muslims.

BACKGROUND

Vilks made his rough sketch showing Muhammad's head on a dog's body more than a year after 12 Danish newspaper cartoons of the prophet sparked furious protests in Muslim countries in 2006. Islamic law generally opposes any depiction of the prophet, even favorable, for fear it could lead to idolatry.

NEW DEVELOPMENT

A suburban Philadelphia woman who called herself "Jihad Jane" online has been charged with using the Internet to recruit jihadist fighters and help terrorists overseas.

A federal indictment charges Colleen R. LaRose with agreeing to kill a Swedish citizen on orders from the terrorists and traveling to Europe to carry out the killing. A U.S. official speaking on condition of anonymity says LaRose targeted a Swedish cartoonist and discussed her plans with at least one person apprehended in Ireland on Tuesday.

OK Go

OK gone—Chicago group leaves label

By Leonor Vivanco
FOR REDEYE

OK Go is definitely on the go.

The Grammy award-winning quartet from Chicago announced Wednesday it is parting ways with its record company, EMI, and forming its own label, called Paracadute.

"It's kind of like a record company except it's for whatever we feel like making and whatever we feel like doing with whatever we feel like making," singer Damian Kulash said in a YouTube video posted on the band's Web site.

With his two "business partners," two dogs dressed in suits and ties, sitting next to him, Kulash had nothing but good things to say about EMI, the company the band has been with for the last decade. "They've been good to us and they worked hard on our behalf, and we want to thank everyone at EMI for all the good times and also of course for making it so easy for us now."

The band and new label will handle distribution and promotion functions for the band, even for its latest album, "Of The Blue Colour Of The Sky" released in January, according to a statement.

The announcement comes at a time when the video for the band's latest single, "This Too Shall Pass," is blowing up on the Internet, having garnered 6 million views in its first six days.

The band shows no signs of slowing down. Next month, it will make the late-night rounds on talk shows including "Jimmy Kimmel Live," "Late Show with David Letterman" and "The Colbert Report." OK Go also starts its North American tour on April 13 with a stop in Chicago on April 17 at the Metro.

THE DIGIT

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The Washington Post says more than two dozen people have canceled their subscriptions due to a photo of two men kissing that ran on the front page.

The photo was taken March 3, the first day same-sex couples could apply for marriage licenses in Washington, and ran in the newspaper the next day.

The paper's public editor, Andrew Alexander, reports on his blog that 27 subscribers canceled their subscriptions, specifically citing the photo.

LOOK WHO'S COOKING!

Three celebrated Macy's Culinary Council Chefs dish up their best recipes in honor of the Chicago Housewares Show

Macy's State Street
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Get a taste of inspiration with Chef Todd English, Monday, March 15, Noon

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Pick up the fundamentals of Japanese cuisine with Chef Takashi Yagihashi, Tuesday, March 16, Noon

Grab your chopsticks and accompany Chef Takashi Yagihashi for a lesson in basic Japanese cooking. He'll show you how to turn a few simple ingredients into the signature recipes of his Takashi Restaurant, and share a sample of the featured dishes with you. Named "Best New Restaurant of 2008" by *Esquire* and *Chicago* magazines, Takashi Restaurant offers contemporary French-American fare with Japanese influences. Be sure to check out Noodles, Takashi's restaurant here on 7.

Learn how to expertly pair food and wine with Master Sommelier and Chef Andrea Robinson, Wednesday, March 17, Noon

Join Andrea Robinson, one of only 16 women worldwide to hold the title of Master Sommelier and the first woman to be awarded Best Sommelier in America, for an event that will change the way you dine and entertain. She'll pour forth a lesson on pairing the right wine with your meal, then introduce her new stemware collection, The One™. The One™ takes the guesswork out of choosing a wine glass. There's *The One™* for Red and *The One™* for White – and that's all you need to enhance the flavor and bouquet of any wine! Take home a complimentary copy of Andrea's *2010 Wine Buying Guide for Everyone* with the purchase of any The One™ stemware set during the event.**

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Learn to holler with some style

It isn't just Wrigley waitresses who face the wrath of card-carrying village idiots while trying to go about their daily business, as noted by Mark Bazer in a column a few weeks ago. The rest of us peasant folk still face egregious displays of admiration.

I experienced such an improper holler while riding my bike home from the gym last week. The sun was shining, the birds were chirping, and all of a sudden, some guy in an Escalade was yelling "GREAT ASS!" out the passenger window.

There are two proper responses to this: a) Thanks, I grew it myself; and b) Thanks, looks like you've got a pretty great … oh wait, that's your face. Unfortunately an improper hollerer is also the kind of dude who's ready to squash you into the pavement like a squirrel, so I rode on. Next to the dudes. For a mile. After they rolled up the window.

Now, I can appreciate the need to holler after a long winter, but it's not like there aren't plenty of ladies scampering around in their spandex. (By the way, how on Earth do those things qualify as pants? And with the giant button-down shirt? You look like you left half your dignity at your friend-with-benefits' house. But that's a separate column.)

And it's not as if I've never issued an improper holler myself—in fact, it led to a pretty embarrassing high school scenario in which yours truly coasted her Accord under the rear bumper of a hick truck at a red light, ripping her flip-up headlights to shreds. I still don't know how I got out of that one without my dad killing me, but the point is, we all get a little wily from time to time.

So now that spring and the scent of gross thawing ground are in the air, let's go over the proper way to appreciate someone's assets with an example from the over-40 set.

The scene: Last summer, at a stoplight, on the bike (I swear these hollerings are all the bike's fault). I'm minding my own business when I hear "excuse me" from somewhere outside my field of vision. I look down. A balding man driving a sporty green convertible and clearly suffering from middle-age crazy is gazing up at me. Gents, this is where you need to start taking notes.

"I don't want to sound like a pig, but you have very nice legs."

The proper response in this situation varies greatly from the Escalade scenario. After all, the gentleman in question actually a) took the time to alert me to his presence before hollering, and b) seemed to realize the fact that most lady appreciations are dished out in a "WOOOOOOOOOOOOO" fashion.

So I thanked the man, complimented his car, did not point out his midlife crisis and took my leave of him for the lake, glad my legs could make his day and that his hollering could make mine. Even if he was old.

And sir of the Escalade, please take note: If you're trying to impress a lady, perhaps you should wash your car more than once every five years, and also stop using it to compete in monster truck rallies. Dents are so not the way to a girl's heart. **DANA MORAN IS A REDEYE COPY EDITOR AND CURRENTLY IS ACCEPTING ABOVE-THE-WAIST COMPLIMENTS.**

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Digital danger

Are your smartphone and other gadgets making you a transit target?

By Christina Salter | REDEYE

Joseph Bergerson is not one to take risks on Chicago's public transportation or city streets.

For the 33-year-old from northwest Indiana, that means going on technology lockdown. During the 1-hour, 40-minute trip to his job in downtown Chicago, Bergerson takes care to avoid becoming a target for thieves, like so many distracted commuters with BlackBerries, iPods or other expensive electronic accessories. He sometimes wears two coats, and he keeps his iPhone and other belongings in the innermost pockets.

"I don't care how many times my phone rings now, I won't answer it until I reach my destination," Bergerson said.

Count him among a new class of cautious commuters. As people in Chicago and nationwide increasingly rely on snazzy smartphones and other pricey devices in their daily lives, they also open themselves to attackers who can swipe hardware and personal information in the blink of an eye, experts said.

It's hard to tell exactly how often this type of theft occurs, particularly on Chicago public transportation. The Chicago Police Department keeps track of crime statistics for the CTA but does not specify items stolen. CTA Customer Service says it has received only 15 reports of theft of electronic devices—including smartphones, laptops and MP3 players—since January 2008.

For Bergerson, once was enough. But he wasn't always so cautious. Recently, while walking near Randolph Street and Wabash Avenue, Bergerson was on the phone with his wife when a thief struck him in the back of the head and ripped his iPhone out of his hand.

Bergerson immediately began to chase after the thief, which he now admits was probably foolish. Lucky for him, things worked out. Bergerson ran past two policemen on the way, who also gave chase. The would-be thief met his downfall when he just missed a train pulling out of the Red Line station at State Street, and the police found the stolen phone in his pocket.

Though Bergerson warned family and friends to be more careful after his own experience, he said he still sees plenty of people on the trains flaunting expensive electronics.

"If it's not the iPod or the iPhone, it's the Kindle, the Sony Reader," he said.

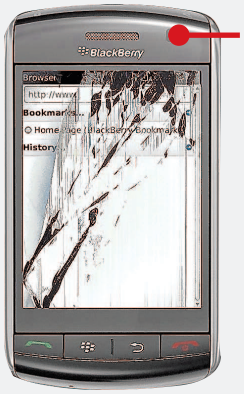
Jason Ebbens, 27, carries triple the risk. He often brings his Kindle reader, netbook and iPhone with him on public transportation. Ebbens, who lives in the Loop, said he worries about theft more when riding the "L" than the

Technology lockdown

Along with expensive mobile devices come some high- and low-tech ways to protect your stuff. Here are a few options. CHRISTINA SALTER, REDEYE

Mobile peace of mind

For iPhone users, protection can be found using Apple's MobileMe subscription. The $99 yearly subscription ($149 for a family pack) includes several security features that come in handy in case of theft. Users can log in to **me.com** to find their lost iPhone on a map, set a passcode lock, send a message to display on the missing phone's screen or erase all the information on their phone; if it's eventually returned, users can restore the phone's data through the site.



Damaged goods

Who wants to steal a broken BlackBerry? Deter thieves with fakeScreen, an app for the Blackberry Storm that mimics a broken screen on your phone—complete with realistic cracking screen sound effect. Free at **mobihand.com**

Laptop in disguise

Keep laptops out of sight with a rubber case that looks like an interoffice memo envelope. $39.95 for MacBook Air, with other sizes available soon, at **designersleeves.com**.

Uglify it

Try anti-theft security the DIY way: Use some masking tape and a permanent marker. Apply haphazardly to your digital camera, phone, etc., to make it look broken and grungy. Upside: Thieves will think your stuff is not worth their time. Downside: Your stuff will look ugly.

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Mark Connor, 29, of Chicago sends a text message while waiting for his train at the CTA Red Line station State and Lake streets.

CHRISTOPHER SMITH/REDEYE PHOTO

buses because there aren't CTA employees in each car. His solution is to keep a close eye on his valuables.

"I usually keep my bag locked up and my hand is usually on my phone," Ebbens said.

The presence of iPhones and other flashy new devices such as the Droid and Nexus One is growing in the U.S. From January to November 2009, 27 percent of cell phones sold in the U.S. were smartphones, compared to 20 percent during the same time frame in 2008, according to market research firm The NPD Group. With smartphone prices reaching into several hundreds of dollars, potential thieves may be banking on a high resale value. But if your phone is stolen, you might lose more than your next paycheck, says Jay Foley, executive director of the Identity Theft Resource Center, a nonprofit consumer advocacy group based in California.

WHAT'S YOUR TAKE?

Are you a stickler about keeping your phone and other items on technology lockdown? Do you throw caution to the wind when calling people on the train? Whatever your stance, RedEye wants to hear it. Comment on this story at **redeyechicago.com** or send us a letter—along with your name, age and neighborhood —to **ritaredeye@tribune.com.**

Foley said all a thief needs to do is look at your phone contacts or call log to find your friends and relatives. A few quick calls posing as, say, a doctor in the emergency room, and he just might persuade your mom to give up your Social Security number or other personal information.

If your phone has Internet access, the bad guys also could get into your e-mail and passwords, and even your banking information if you access your online bank account through your phone. Foley recommends placing a password control on your phone and enabling e-mail encryption software to protect any personal data in your inbox.

"It's a tedious pain in the butt, but it's a lot less tedious and a lot less painful than cleaning up the mess after an identity theft issue," Foley said.

Andrea Berk, 25, said she has heard about phone theft on the CTA but doesn't usually worry about it happening to her. The Ukrainian Village resident said she often uses her BlackBerry to check work e-mails while at the bus stop.

Like Berk, many Chicago tech fiends aren't willing to give up surfing and texting while in public, said self-defense instructor Margaret Vimont, of IMPACT Chicago.

The key is to recognize that when you're using your phone or listening to music, you're not completely aware of your surroundings, Vimont said. If you know you're distracted, make sure to scan the area twice as often, keeping a lookout for suspicious people and other potential dangers.

"Staying aware," she said, "is the single most thing that will keep people safer."

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Chicago Police Sgt. Michael Partipilo demonstrates proper Taser use on a target at a training facility in the old Near North High School in Chicago. NANCY STONE/TRIBUNE PHOTO

Police expanding Taser use

Controversial stun guns going in every squad car

Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Police Department is dramatically expanding its use of Tasers, adding several hundred more and putting them in the hands of patrol officers for the first time, officials said Wednesday.

The stun guns will go in every squad car to give front-line beat officers a more effective way to protect themselves and calm a disturbance.

But the electrical devices have caused controversy nationwide, with debates about their safety and lawsuits filed on behalf of dozens of people, some in the Chicago area, who have died after being "Tased."

Chicago police laid out their plans just hours after a 31-year-old south suburban man was pronounced dead after Midlothian police used a Taser to subdue him. Jaesun Ingles of Riverdale, who was on parole, was stunned with the Taser after he tried to swallow a plastic bag that police believed contained drugs, resisted arrest and ran from officers, Midlothian police said. An autopsy by the Cook County medical examiner's office Wednesday was inconclusive, pending further investigation.

Chicago police officials and instructors insisted that Tasers are well within acceptable safety guidelines and are a better option to subdue offenders.

"It's a level of force that I want to authorize to use before the situation escalates," Police Superintendent Jody Weis said. "We want to use every other option before we use lethal force."

Currently, 280 Tasers are in use by Chicago police, although only sergeants and field training officers are allowed to carry them. Now 380 of the devices will be added, including one for each of the department's 281 beats and additional ones for special teams.

To carry the weapons, officers must undergo eight hours of training. The electrical charge the weapon carries not only causes pain but also forces the muscles of the target to stiffen. A trigger pull delivers the current for five seconds, giving officers time to handcuff the offender.

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THE CTA SHUFFLE

Thousands of CTA riders frustrated by longer waits and packed buses have switched to trains since service cuts were imposed last month, new data indicate. Excerpts from what CTA President Rich Rodriguez told the agency's board Wednesday follow.
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1% CTA ridership declined only 1 percent in February compared to February 2009.

2% Weekday trips decreased by 2 percent.

3% Rail trips increased 3 percent.

4% Bus ridership was down 4 percent.

5% Weekend ridership in February grew 5 percent compared to the same month last year.

NOTABLE

There are no plans to restore service or rehire workers, Rodriguez said. He expressed hope, however, that the Obama administration and Congress will approve a second round of federal stimulus funds.

> "I believe this 1 percent for education makes sense, and I think the people of Illinois will understand. We must invest in the future, even in these tough economic times."

— **Gov. Quinn**, speaking Wednesday during a short budget speech to the House and Senate in Springfield. Quinn called for a 33 percent increase in the state income tax rate to raise money for education and ease deep cuts he's proposed in his 2011 budget plan.

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Graffiti artist A.J., a friend of Jason Kitchekeg, tags a mural Wednesday on a wall off Broadway Avenue. The taggers, who received permission from the building owner to paint, created a mural with roses and Kitchekeg's tag, which reads "Sole." WILLIAM DESHAZER/TRIBUNE PHOTO

Drowned tagger remembered

Chicago Tribune

A man given probation just two days ago for criminal damage to property died Tuesday night after plunging into the Chicago River while being chased by police for tagging a building.

Jason Kitchekeg, 26, of Mokena, was one of three men being chased by officers for spray-painting a building on Ashland Avenue, police said. Kitchekeg likely was tagging an abandoned paint manufacturing plant there.

Cops caught two of the men, but Kitchekeg jumped into the river near the 2800 block of South Ashland Avenue, officials said. He died of drowning in an accident, an autopsy by the Cook County medical examiner's office found Thursday.

Firefighters pulled Kitchekeg from the water and he was rushed to Stroger Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 8:16 p.m., according to hospital spokesman Marcel Bright.

A.J. Harris has known Kitchekeg for about five years.

"I went to bed last night saying, 'I hope that isn't our friend,' " Harris said. "I'm up now and I know it was."

Kitchekeg was a longtime resident of the Uptown area and "had so much love and compassion for Chicago," Harris said.

Firefighter battles hardships after Cicero tragedy

Chicago Tribune

Shawn Ahrens remembers the Valentine's Day fire raging in the Cicero house, the flames suddenly shooting through the roof and knocking the chimney down. Dozens of bricks toppled on the firefighter's head and battered him until he was unconscious and buried alive.

"Next thing I know, I woke up in the hospital and didn't know where I was or what happened," he said.

Ahrens was hospitalized for four days and suffered a 6-inch laceration on his head, along with neck and spine injuries, and broken ribs.

The fire killed seven people. Last week, officials accused the building's owner and maintenance man of setting the blaze to collect insurance money. They were charged with seven murders.

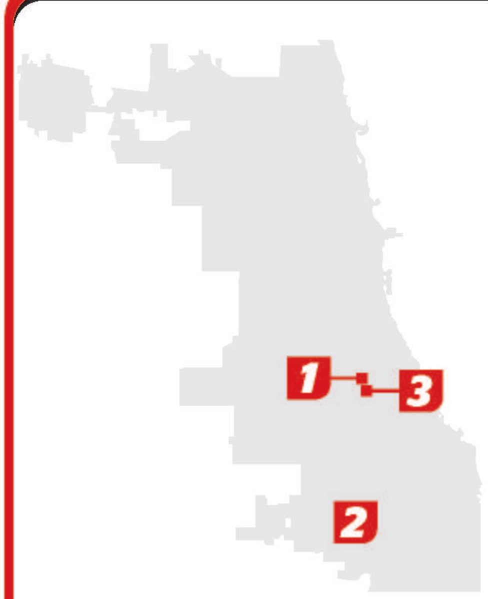
Ahrens

The tragedy and stunning allegations dominated the headlines as a lower-profile story unfolded—that of Ahrens, a fourth-generation firefighter struggling financially to care for a 13-year-old daughter with a terminal illness.

For years, some firefighters who knew of Ahrens' financial difficulties offered help. He always refused. But after the Feb. 14 fire, plans for a fundraiser started immediately, and the show of support for Ahrens spread to firehouses across Illinois and beyond.

Before the fire, Ahrens was working three jobs to pay some of the medical bills for his daughter, Ashley, who suffers from Sandhoff disease, a rare neurological disorder. Now, nearly a month after the fire, his worry is how he will support his wife and children if he is unable to return to work. In addition to Ashley, the Ahrenses have a 4-year-old son, Matt.

"The pain has been tough, and then I'm just trying to figure out how I'm going to take care of my family," Ahrens said.



Homicide tracker

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Washington Park saw two shooting deaths in two days this week, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

On Sunday, a 22-year-old man was found fatally shot in the first block of East Garfield Boulevard, police said. Then on Monday, an 18-year-old man was shot to death in the 5600 block of South Calumet Avenue.

Washington Park has seen four shooting deaths this year, RedEye found. The victims, all black males, were between the ages of 18 and 33, according to information from the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office.

Citywide, four homicides have been recorded so far in March. Chicago police recorded 19 homicides in March last year, RedEye found.

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Homicides from March 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday

1 **1 BLOCK OF E. GARFIELD BLVD.**
Date: March 7 Cause: Gunshot

2 **300 BLOCK OF W. 106TH PL.**
Date: March 7 Cause: Gunshot

3 **5600 BLOCK OF S. CALUMET AVE.**
Date: March 8 Cause: Gunshot

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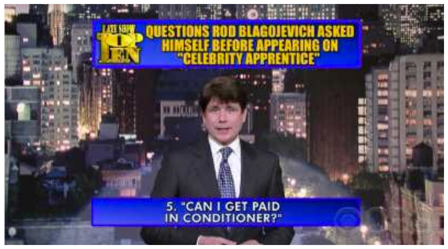
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QUESTIONS ROD BLAGOJEVICH ASKED HIMSELF BEFORE APPEARING ON "CELEBRITY APPRENTICE"
5. "CAN I GET PAID IN CONDITIONER?"

> "Go ahead, take off your hat and make yourself at home."
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> *—DAVID LETTERMAN, MAKING A CRACK ABOUT ROD BLAGOJEVICH'S HAIR WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE FORMER GOVERNOR READ "THE LATE SHOW'S" TOP 10 LIST*

Panera to post dietary info

Panera Bread announced Wednesday it will be the first nationwide chain to voluntarily post calorie information at all its company-owned restaurants.

1 Day care workers charged

Two former Cincinnati day care workers accused of slipping an over-the-counter dietary supplement into candy and giving it to their charges to help them sleep at nap time were charged with misdemeanors Wednesday.

2 $1.2 M abuse settlement

Eleven adopted and foster children forced to sleep in cages by their adoptive parents have reached a $1.2 million settlement with the Ohio county where they once lived.

3 The $6 heist

They say crime doesn't pay. For one robber in California, it did—but not much. Authorities in Thermal, Calif., say a woman with a gun robbed 11 customers at a market Tuesday and got away with $6. Nobody was hurt.

4 'Doomsday' milestone

Two years after receiving its first deposits, a "doomsday" seed vault on an Arctic island has amassed half a million seed samples, making it the world's most diverse repository of crop seeds, the vault's operators announced Thursday in Norway.

5 Outrage at Mandela's ex

Former South Africa President Nelson Mandela's ex-wife has bitterly criticized the 92-year-old anti-apartheid icon as having "let us down" for accepting the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 alongside F.W. De Klerk, prompting outrage Wednesday in South Africa.

Male sex drive has a lead foot

6 **LONDON** It seems the old cliche may be true.

Men are more likely than women to be interested in sex, have sex and enjoy sex, according to new scientific research, which also found people who stay active and healthy enjoy longer sex lives.

Research by University of Chicago academics published online Wednesday in the British Medical Journal found that, across all age groups, men were more interested in sex than women—and the gap increased with age.

"This disparity, and its implication for health, requires further exploration," researchers found.

The research adds to a pile of scientific evidence suggesting good sex can improve health and well-being—and vice versa.

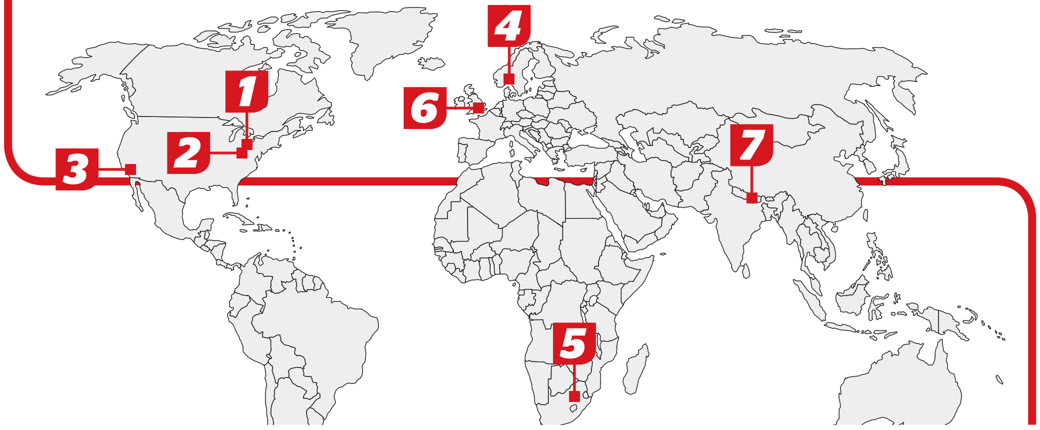
The researchers found that, overall, people in very good or excellent health were 1.5 to 1.8 times more likely to report an interest in sex than those in poorer health.

MEN LAST LONGER?

The researchers found the average person's sex life winds down by the age of 70. It said that by age 55, men can hope for another 15 years while women generally have another 11 years of sexual activity.

Tibetan pride

7 Police clash Wednesday with hundreds of exiled Tibetans in Katmandu, Nepal. The protest against the Chinese government marked the anniversary of the 1959 riots inside Tibet that led to a crackdown and the Dalai Lama's flight into exile. **AP PHOTO**



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Name game

Inside the colorful origins of Chicago athletes' whimsical nicknames

By Sarah Spain
FOR REDEYE

The Situation. Snooki. Jwoww.

When it comes to memorable monikers, the cast of "Jersey Shore" has it right. The toxically tanned and perpetually fist-pumping 20-somethings have reminded us of a lost art: coining a catchy nickname.

The sports world could learn something from them. Sports figures used to own the most creative and inspiring aliases around. Everyday names weren't enough for the biggest athletes. George Herman Ruth Jr. became "The Great Bambino," Peter Press Maravich was "Pistol Pete" and George Gervin was "The Iceman."

These days, nicknames seem to stick to variations of actual names. Take the Blackhawks, for instance. Walk into the locker room and you'll rarely hear the players call one another by their first names. Instead, it's Ladder, Kaner, Seabs and Barks. Simplicity reigns for the Bulls as well, as guys go by JJ, Lu and Jo.

But all is not lost. Some digging turned up some nicknames with a little more pizzazz.

NICKNAMES WE'D LIKE TO SEE

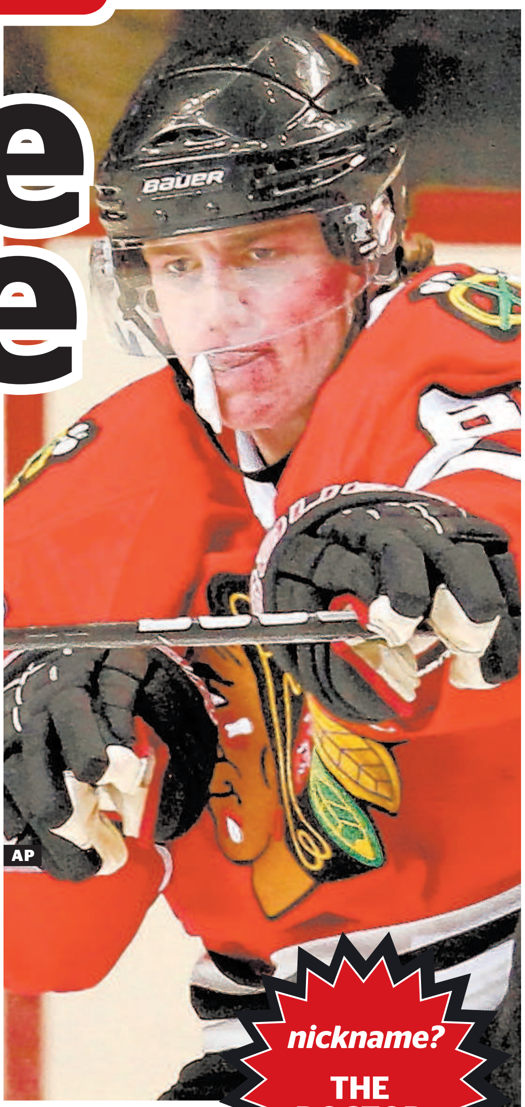
» **Hoss of Pain (Marian Hossa):** Inflicts pain and suffering on opposing teams.

» **The Bargain (Troy Brouwer):** He's a goal-scoring machine, but he's making millions less than most of his teammates.

» **The Hinrich Maneuver (Kirk Hinrich):** No explanation necessary.

» **Crystal Ball Huet (Cristobal Huet):** Holds the future of the Hawks in his hands.

» **Captain Caveman (Brent Sopel):** Bears an uncanny resemblance to "SNL's" unfrozen caveman lawyer.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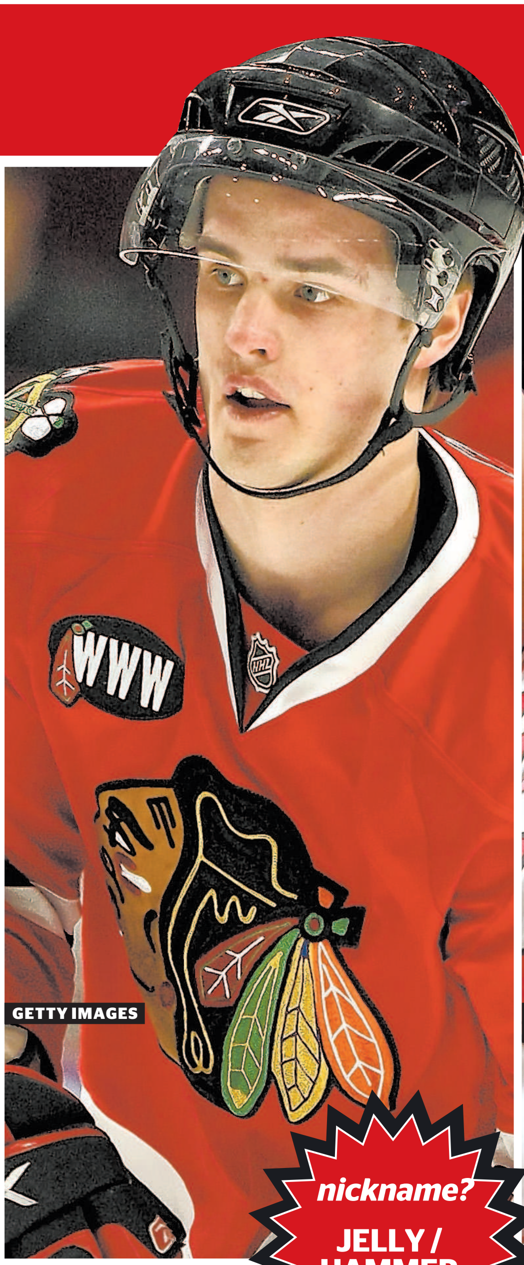
nickname?
THE DOCTOR

PATRICK KANE
Blackhawks winger

For his slick, precise skills—like those of a surgeon going to work—Kane has earned the nickname The Doctor. His teammates have a few other suggestions too.

"My personal nickname for him is The Superstar," Jonathan Toews said of his spotlight-loving friend. "He doesn't like it at all."

Kris Versteeg said he'd like to nickname Kane "Malcolm—the little guy from 'Malcolm in the Middle.' Or Bart Simpson—'cause he's constantly getting in trouble."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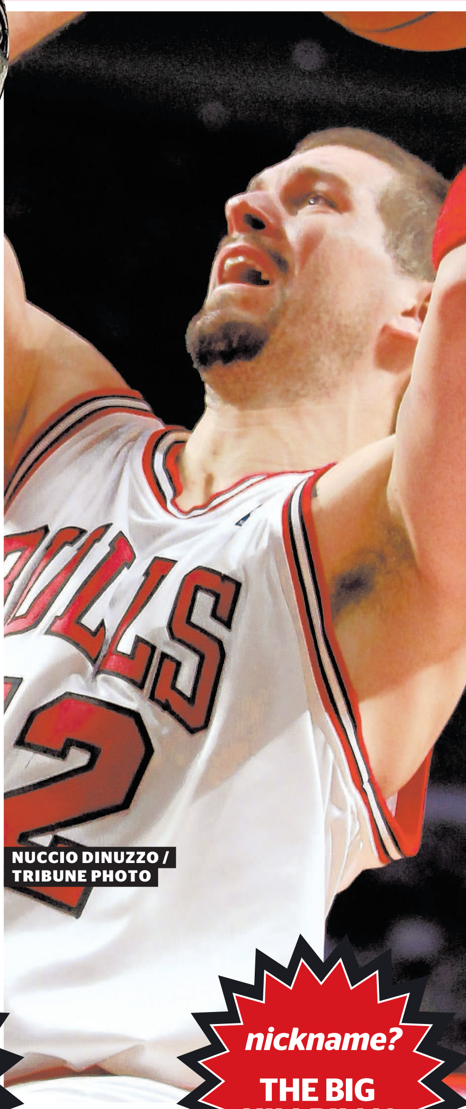
nickname?
JELLY / HAMMER

NIKLAS HJALMARSSON
Blackhawks defenseman

Back when forward Versteeg and defenseman Hjalmarsson were playing for the Rockford Ice Hogs, Versteeg just couldn't pronounce his teammate's name correctly (it's JAHL-muhr-suhn), so he nicknamed Hjalmarsson "Jelly." The name stayed with him and now most of the guys who came out of Rockford call their Swedish teammate Jelly or Jelly Bear. The rest of the team goes with a more visual interpretation of Nik's lengthy surname: Hammer.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nickname?
THE BIG HILLBILLY

BRAD MILLER
Bulls center

The Bulls forward, who described himself as a "hick" from Kendalville, Ind., created and stars in a TV show called "Country Boys Outdoors" on the The Sportsman Channel. His teammates have picked up on his down-home image, calling him The Big Hillbilly—a name Derrick Rose said Miller even uses to check in to hotels.

Miller also answers to Country, Country Boy and, from teammate Joakim Noah, The Big Duck. Why The Big Duck? "He just is a duck," Noah said. "I mean, everything about him is really … ducky."

More Blackhawks nicknames

» Master Yoda (John Madden): Fitting name for an old vet.

» Johnny No Wheels (Adam Burish): Versteeg's personal nickname for Burish, because "He's got no wheels—he can't wheel chicks." Must be a Canadian thing.

NAME HALL OF FAME

Whizzer wants to know what your favorite sports nickname of all time is. Text "**whiz**" followed by your favorite to **87708**. He just might use your response in a future RedEye.

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nickname? POOH

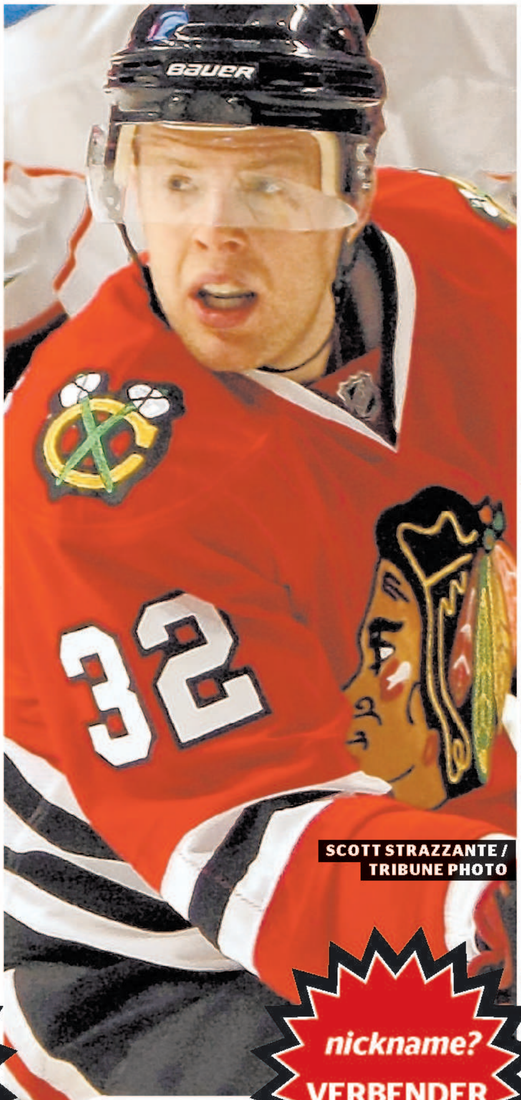
DERRICK ROSE

Bulls guard

Rose's grandmother nicknamed him Pooh as a boy because his penchant for sweets reminded her of Winnie the Pooh's love for honey. Rose now has the word "Poohdini" tattooed on his right arm above a drawing of a wizard holding a basketball.

When asked if he thinks he should upgrade to a more menacing moniker, he seemed happy to stick with Pooh.

"I think I can carry [Pooh] through," Rose said. "It's not like I'm out there being a mean guy or anything like that. I come off as a caring guy, so [Pooh] won't really mess up my image."



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nickname? VERBENDER

KRIS VERSTEEG

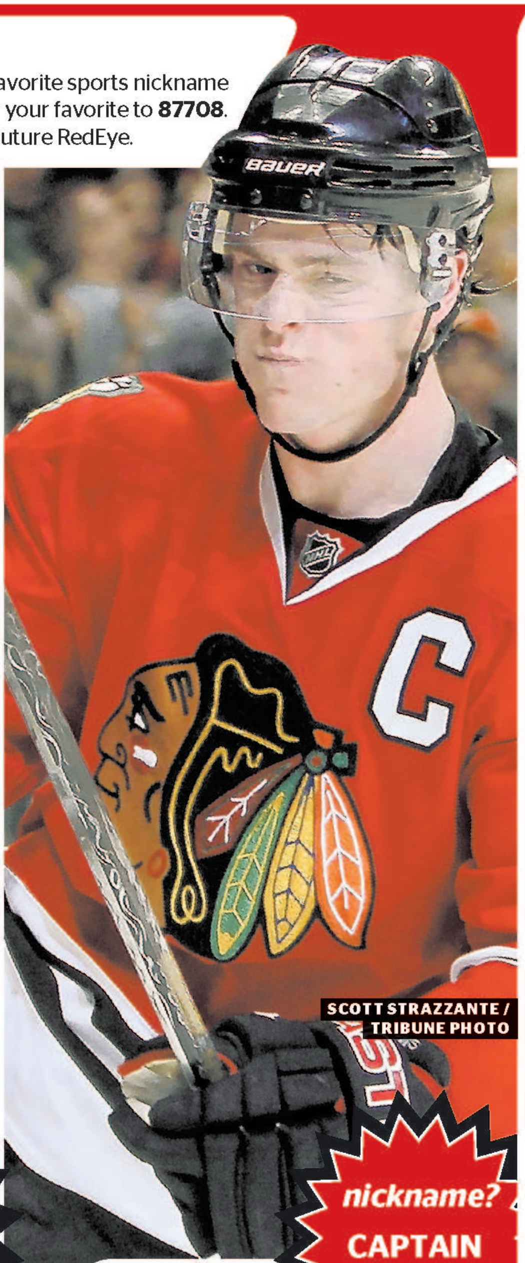
Blackhawks winger

"You call a bad hockey player a bender—like their ankles bend in," Adam Burish said of his teammate's nickname, "so, just because he thinks he's cool, we call Versteeg Verbender."

Care to chime in, Kris?

"No," Versteeg said, "that is not the reason. I had the same kind of beard as our trainer in Norfolk, Stu Bender, so a guy on our team started calling me Verbender."

Versteeg goes by a bevy of other nicknames (Verbeauty, Verstud, Steeger), most of which he said are "self-proclaimed."



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nickname? CAPTAIN SERIOUS

JONATHAN TOEWS

Blackhawks captain

Earlier this season, the Hawks captain told Sports Illustrated how his nickname came about.

"It started with Brent Seabrook, who I lived with my rookie year," Toews said. "One day he came in and jumped on my bed, woke me up. ... He's talking to me, and he's got morning breath, so I asked him if he'd eaten a turd sandwich for breakfast. He told me to shut up and called me Mr. Serious."

In 2008, when Toews was named captain of the Blackhawks, his nickname was upgraded to reflect the "C" on his jersey.

» Biscuit (Brent Seabrook): Seabiscuit would be proud.

» Crazy Keither (Duncan Keith): Toews' personal nickname for No. 2.

» The Greyhound (Dave Bolland): "'Cause he's all skin and ribs," Burish said.

What'd you call me?

'10'

top ten chicago sports

MATT OLSEN

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Possessing an unforgettable nickname is crucial to an athlete's legacy. It'll speak to the kind of player he was and conjure special memories for the most die-hard of fans. Because of our rich sports history, it was tough to come up with the Top Ten Coolest Chicago nicknames of all time. Here they are.

10 DANIMAL

A nickname like this is reserved for men who would rip someone's face off for a sack. Luckily, Dan Hampton was that guy.

9 PUDGE

Countless posers have tried to take Carlton Fisk's classic moniker. There is, and always will be, only one Pudge.

8 THE GOLDEN JET

As far as Chicago legends go, Bobby Hull is about as good as it gets. Today, he'd probably be the platinum jet. Gold is so out.

7 THE FRIDGE

The most iconic big-boned man ever, William Perry was the first to bring sexy back to front butts and back fat.

6 THE HAWK

If a nickname can represent your persona, and Andre Dawson was The Hawk, then it'd be logical to refer to Milton Bradley as The Jackass.

5 THE BIG HURT

Not to be confused with The Big Skirt, Frank Thomas lived up to his nickname without the use of roids. We hope.

4 SWEETNESS

Whether Sweetness referred to Walter Payton's personality or football skills is debatable. Personally, I think it was a combination of the two.

3 THE WORM

I wonder where Dennis Rodman even got this nickname. I have a feeling the story would haunt my dreams forever.

2 SHOELESS JOE JACKSON

Only a sweet nickname could keep the stench that emanates from a cheater away from Joe's legacy.

1 THE GALLOPING GHOST

Red Grange's legacy has reached almost mythical status, thanks in part to a nickname that still strikes fear in the hearts of men.

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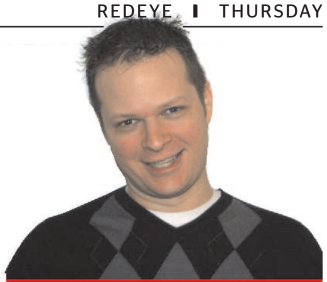
Called his shot

Eric Larson wanted to be on our panel, so he simply answered the five questions posted on our blog at **redeyechicago.com/5on5**.



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1 What's your sports nickname?	Psycho Killer. Or Fluffy Bunny; one of the two.	Kevin "Frequent Nosebleeds" Pang.	The Amazin' Amazon.	Frio!	Keeks in most sports.
2 What's Spring Training really good for?	False hope.	For Carlos Silva to replenish the fats lost during winter hibernation.	Gives fans one last month to get into regular season drinking shape.	So Corey McPherrin can get his spring tan!	Ron Santo's like a new glove. You have to break him in for a month.
3 What would happen if the NCAA tournament expanded to 96 teams?	Legally, it would suck.	New round monikers: "Unwatchable 96," "Lucky Bastards 84," "Elite-OK-not-really 72"	Jimmy's alma mater DeVry might finally have a shot to make the dance.	The bracket sheet would have to go to legal-size paper.	Why stop there? I hear Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Chicago has a Cinderella this year.
4 What should NIT stand for?	Noticeably Inexpensive Tickets.	Nonsense, I'll Trample on that hobo's face for a ham sandwich.	Not In (the) Tournament.	Not Interested, Thanks.	Nearly Irrelevant Tournament.
5 Terrell Owens + Chad Ochocinco + the Bengals = _____________.	The tweets for twits program just got interesting.	Television - Philly - Dallas + 7-second delay.	One hot mess.	Gatos grandes. ¡Ay caramba!	Nice try, Ohio, you're still a boring state.

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Bradley bites again

MESA, Ariz. Another Milton Bradley moment has interrupted an otherwise sleepy Spring Training for the Cubs.

Though the mercurial outfielder is long gone, having been moved to the Mariners in December for Carlos Silva and $9 million, he just can't seem to get the Cubs out of his system.

Though Bradley's latest interview with ESPN was mostly a regurgitation of past grievances—the alleged hate mail, taunting by Chicago waiters and disrespect from manager Lou Piniella—Cubs general manager Jim Hendry finally has heard enough.

Hendry lambasted his former player to the media before Wednesday's game at HoHoKam Park, portraying Bradley as selfish, delusional, dishonest and lacking in accountability. The charge that seemingly angered Hendry the most was Bradley's implication some of his hate mail may have come from within the organization because he said it had no stamp on it.

"Obviously, that couldn't be further from the truth," Hendry said. "Maybe it's time Milton looks at himself in the mirror. He just didn't swing the bat. He didn't get the job done. His production, or lack of [production], was the only negative."

SAN FRANCISCO 5, CUBS 1

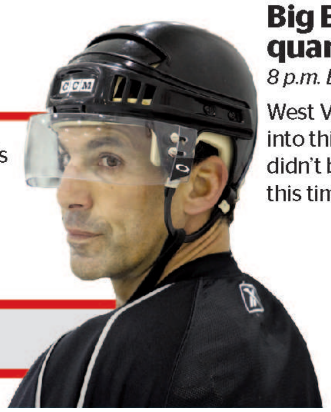
Pablo Sandoval hit a grand slam off Carlos Zambrano and Jonathan Sanchez pitched three scoreless innings Wednesday, leading the San Francisco Giants to a 5-1 victory over the Cubs.

WHITE SOX 9, OAKLAND 5

Ben Sheets still looks like a pitcher who hasn't worked at the big league level in nearly a year and a half. Oakland's new $10 million ace still considered his short outing in a 9-5 loss Wednesday to the White Sox a step in the right direction.

» Two more teams punched tickets to the NCAA tournament Wednesday by winning their conference tourneys: Montana from the Big Sky Conference and Robert Morris from the Northeast Conference.

» Atlanta called up 48-year-old defenseman Chris Chelios on Wednesday from the AHL's Wolves. The Chicago native and former Blackhawk last played in the NHL in May for Detroit in the Western Conference finals against the Hawks.



» Blackhawks 3, L.A. 2 (OT) » Luol Deng, Brad Miller and Taj Gibson sit out Wednesday's Bulls practice.

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Why is Milton Bradley still talking about Chicago and the Cubs? Obsess much? Game over, man, move on. Here now, my TV picks.

NBA

Bulls at Orlando

7 p.m. TNT

If the Bulls can give up 132 to Utah at home, this game could get ugly.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Georgia Tech vs. N. Carolina

6 p.m. ESPN2

The Tar Heels might not make the Big Dance unless they win the ACC Tournament. So sad.

Big East quarterfinal

8 p.m. ESPN

West Virginia has a bye into this game. No, it didn't buy its way in—this time.

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RAVINIA TOP 5

OUR PICKS FOR THE BEST SHOWS ON THE FEST'S JUST-ANNOUNCED SCHEDULE

By Matt Pais

Of course the Beach Boys (Sept. 1) are back at Ravinia. Ditto for the BoDeans (Aug. 7). But don't worry: They're far from the highlights of the fest's 2010 calendar, released Wednesday.

Read on for the top shows at the annual summer bash in Highland Park, running June 3-Sept. 7. Tickets are on sale now if you make a $250 minimum donation at **ravinia.org**. If you can't afford the donation, you'll have to wait until April 22 to buy tickets. Be sure to be first in line or you could wind up on the wrong side of a sold-out situation.

Soulive

The Cat Empire, Soulive, Raul Midon

7 p.m. July 6, $22-$40

Be ready to get on your feet. The night's keeper is Soulive, the jazz-funk outfit that puts on a groovetastic live show full of sweat and soul. They're a great party that serves as a good lead-in to Australian headliner the Cat Empire, which won't become your new favorite band but should prove worthy of soundtracking any number of outdoor summer gatherings. The group's freewheeling fun caps a bill opened by the comparatively restrained Midon, a singer-guitarist who keeps his instrument smooth whether he's invoking R&B, the blues or otherwise.

The Swell Season

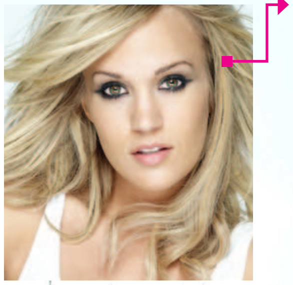
8 p.m. July 14, $22-$50

As leader of Irish rock band the Frames, Glen Hansard has delivered melodies that get toes tapping and lyrics that could break your heart. In the Swell Season, Hansard joins singer and ex-girlfriend Marketa Irglova—with whom he starred in the lovely music-oriented film "Once"—to take gorgeous sadness to a new level. At times you may want to sob into your beer but eventually you'll raise a toast to fond memories and love's mysteries. Count on this show bringing out the romantics and those who just want their folk-rock to cut deep.

Sting with the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra

7:30 p.m. July 17-18, $33-$115

Like many veteran pop-rock artists, Sting boasts a catalog of excellent work from early days in his band—um, that would be the Police, in case you didn't know—and sometimes soggy, less-than-excellent stuff from his solo days. Whatever he plays, Sting's work will take on extra layers of grandiosity thanks to support from the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra. Clearly, the renowned Tantric master will have a lot of people to please both on stage and in the crowd; we're betting he's up to the challenge.



Carrie Underwood

7 p.m. Aug. 29, $30-$95

Don't you just want to take this former "American Idol" winner home to momma? Making her second annual Ravinia appearance, Underwood has the likable, country-pop-gal formula down pat, able to spread herself from the country charts to the Super Bowl while only becoming more appealing. Even while she played a gal who messes with "How I Met Your Mother" main character Ted's emotions, she was a testament to the perky irresistibility of her singer self who, by the way, has a dynamite voice.

10 MORE TO CONSIDER

Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers, 7:30 p.m. June 12

Sheryl Crow, Colbie Caillat, 7 p.m. June 13

Backstreet Boys, 8 p.m. June 17

Buddy Guy, 7:30 p.m. June 19

Jethro Tull, 7 p.m. June 20

The B-52s, 8 p.m. July 1

Cheap Trick, Squeeze, 7:30 p.m. July 10

Crosby, Stills and Nash, 7 p.m. Aug. 22

Rodrigo y Gabriela, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 28

Train, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 4

Nelly Furtado

8 p.m. Sept. 3, $27-$90

The versatile pop singer is a few years removed from her chart-topping smashes "Promiscuous" and "Maneater," and you may not have bought her 2009 Spanish-language record "Mi Plan." But she's still a force on the stage (cue her performance for her native Canada during the Vancouver Olympics), and we certainly wouldn't complain if Furtado took it back a decade for tunes from her stellar debut, "Whoa, Nelly!" If you don't want to float along with "I'm Like a Bird" and "Turn off the Light" while chilling at Ravinia, we'll have to agree to disagree.

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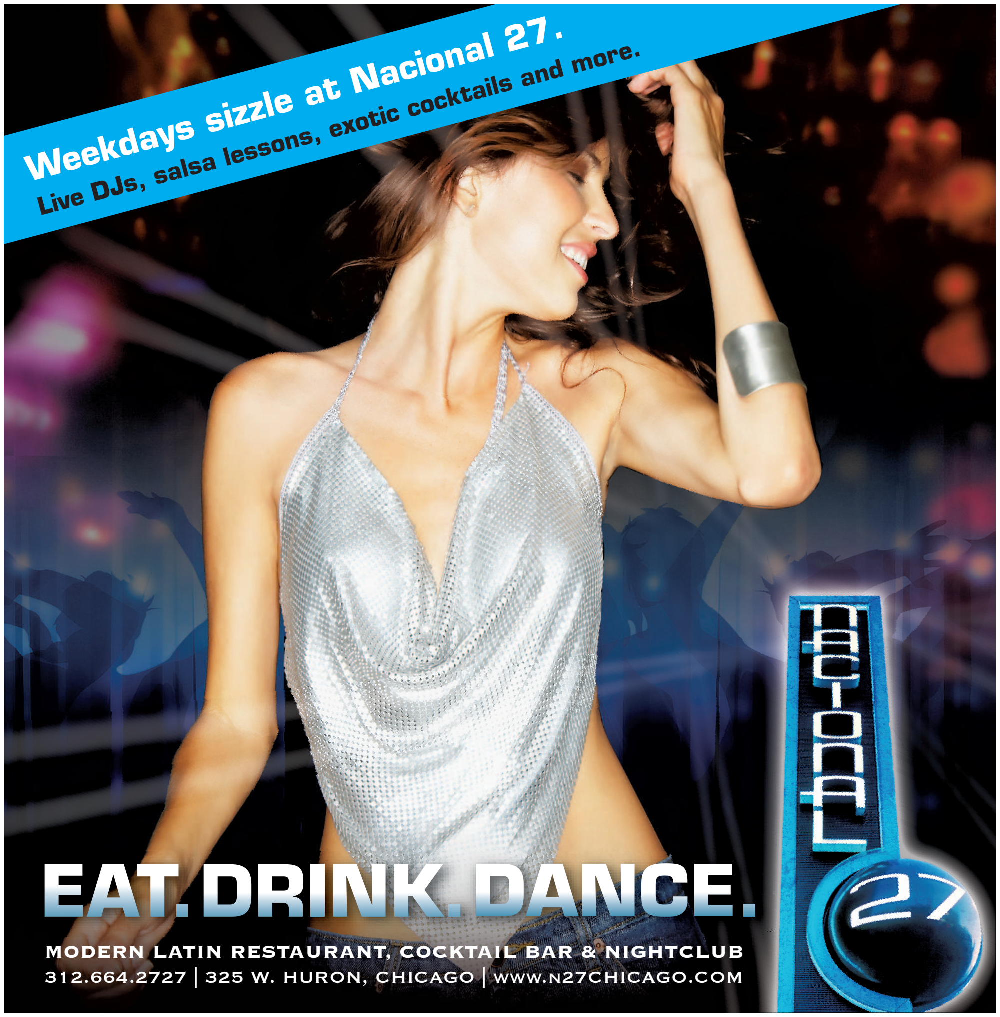

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9:30 a.m. Saturday: A bar crawl includes drinks at House of Blues (9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.) and drink specials at Old Town Social (455 W. North Ave.), the Coach House (950 W. Wolfram St.) and Cubby Bear (1059 W. Addison St.). $40. Buy tickets online before 5 p.m. Friday: **stpattyscrawlchicago.com**; 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

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Taste it: The best way to describe the feeling you get when you enter Sunshine Cafe is that it's like walking into a childhood friend's cozy basement. The wood-paneled walls and lacquered furniture indicate that, yes, this is a Japanese restaurant—and one that's been here a while. But this is one of the tastiest time warps around.

Despite several identity crises (including a false start as a hamburger joint), Andersonville's love for the place abides. The community proved it to owner Joani Ishida when, during a hiatus in 2006, she kept finding notes on the door, begging her to reopen.

Be thankful Ishida came out of retirement, because uncommon starters like hiya yakko, fresh tofu served with a dressing of bonito (dried, smoked tuna flakes), ginger and scallion ($3.50), and kimpira gobo, a cold salad of pickled burdock root and carrot, are not to be missed. They reflect the Japanese tradition of combining simple but profound flavors into dishes more complex than the sum of their parts.

Homey entrees include enormous bowls of thick udon noodles ($8.50), which hide surprises such as toothsome slices of fish cake and come with sidecars of piquant spice blend for added kick. Portion sizes make sharing not only possible but encouraged, and the pace of service reflects an open invitation to stay awhile.

Bring it: Cuisines that developed without wine as the fermented beverage of choice can present a challenge when you're BYOBing. But Mexican, Thai and Japanese restaurants are BYO favorites. One solution? The wine avoidance technique: Bring beer!

In Fine Spirits, a boutique shop on the same block as Sunshine Cafe, has a thoughtful selection of food-friendly brews. I recommend picking up a large bottle of Belgian staple Saison Dupont ($10), a highly carbonated farmhouse ale that features a bracingly dry and refreshing finish—perfect for balancing heavier items such as nanban yaki ($12), a spicy stir-fried meat and veggie dish, served with short-grain rice and a bowl of miso soup.

Japanese food often expresses that mysterious fifth taste sense, umami, which can butt heads with the tannic structure of many red wines. So if you're wanting wine, go for an aromatic white, like the 2008 Meinklang Burgenland White ($12), a blend of gruner veltliner and muscat that has a tiny bit of sweetness that can be useful in balancing spicy and salty flavors. The lovable and often inexpensive gruner is one of few grapes that marries with vegetal flavors, so bring on the seaweed, Sunshine.

Sunshine Cafe
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ABOUT ERIN

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9 p.m. $12-$14. Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2508.

TIGERCITY
Justin Timberlake likes 'em. With Gemini Club, The Silent Years, Wave Machines.
8 p.m. $10-$12. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

THE WEBELOS
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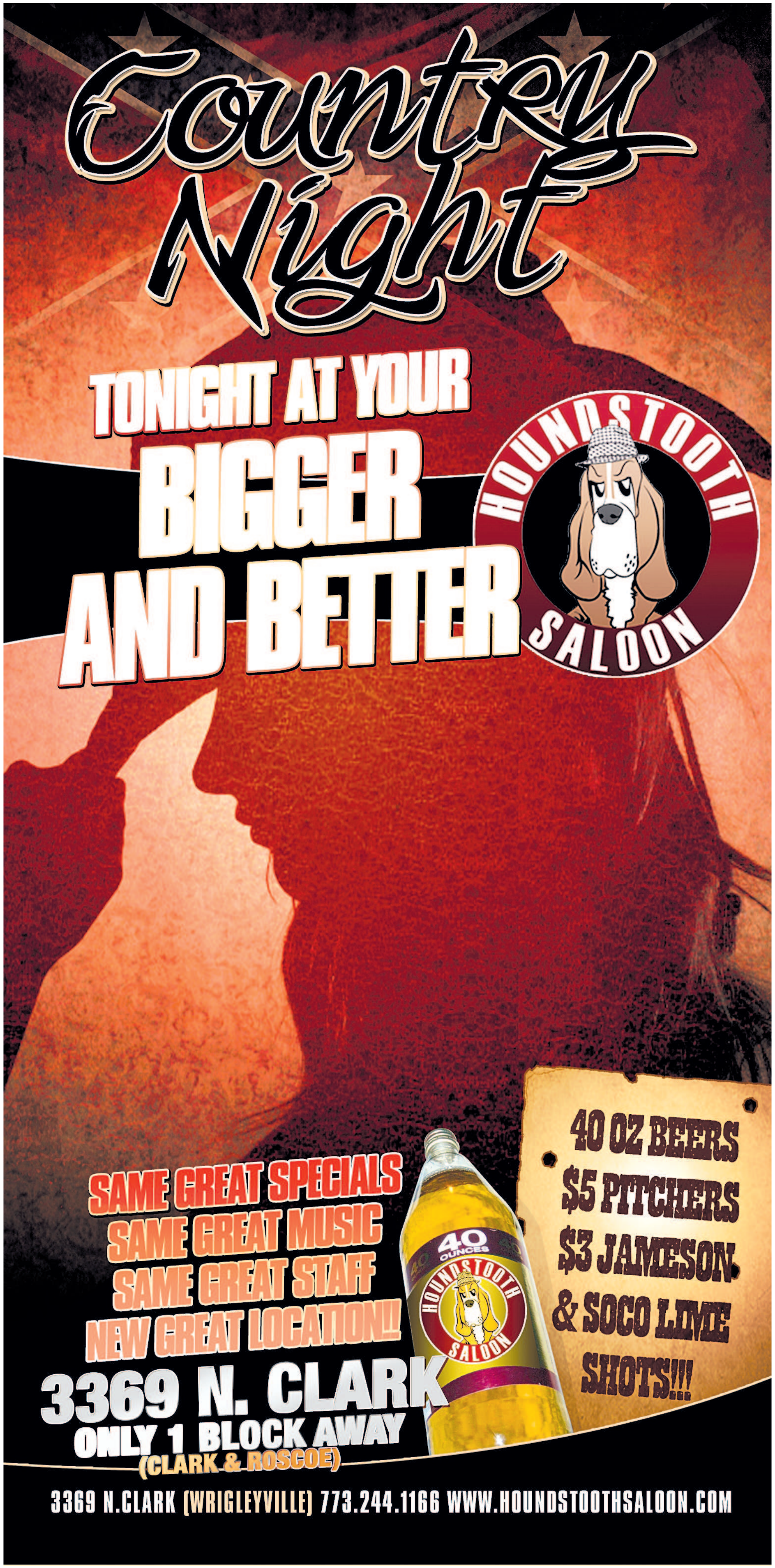
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Major-league laughs

Comedy pals Baruchel, Torrence reveal their secrets to sexiness

By Matt Pais
METROMIX

“When people see my ugly mug in the trailer,” “She’s Out of My League” star Jay Baruchel says with an excited voice, “I want them to be, ‘Hey, that [bleeping] guy!’ ” He adds, grumbling angrily, “Not, ‘That [bleeping] guy.’ ”

The Montreal-bred actor has reason to be concerned about over-exposure. He has four movies coming out in about a four-month period, despite filming them during about a three-year stint.

In “She’s Out of My League,” opening Friday, Baruchel stars as Kirk, a guy considered a “five” who tries to date Molly (Alice Eve), a girl considered a “10.”

Two weeks later, Baruchel, whom you may know from “Tropic Thunder” or Judd Apatow’s short-lived series “Undeclared,” stars in the animated adventure “How To Train Your Dragon.” In May, you’ll see him in the indie “The Trotsky” and in mid-July co-starring with Nicolas Cage in “The Sorcerer’s Apprentice.”

Baruchel says “She’s Out of My League,” provided a chance “to do my version of Cusack in ‘Say Anything.’ ” Yeah, except the 1980s classic didn’t have a scene in which the hero’s friend, played in “League” by Nate Torrence, shaves his nether regions.

At the Trump Hotel, Baruchel, 27, and Second City alum Torrence, 32, talked about that intimate scene and perceptions of their own sexiness.

How much self-confidence do you need to star in a movie that’s constantly saying you’re unattractive?

Jay Baruchel: [Laughs] A [bleep]load. I don’t love hearing how ugly I am all day long. In those moments, there’s a very distinct image in my head: Rowan Atkinson is one of my absolute idols and heroes, and there’s two “Mr. Bean” episodes, ones where he goes to the beach. And when he strips down, the entire audience starts laughing, and he clearly knows what he looks like with his shirt off and he just has that [goofy] posture. And every time I had to do something where the vanity got the best of me, I’d just be like, “No, listen. If it’s good enough for Rowan, it’s good enough for you.”

Were there days where you got to the set and thought, “Really, another scene where people are saying I don’t deserve her?”

JB: Constantly. Well, I was on auto-pilot with that stuff. The set days where I was like “Really?” are when I was like, “The dog’s going to be licking my [bleep] all day long?”

Nate Torrence: That came the same day I found out that I had to shave [his crotch].

Did you do that for real?

JB: He did, I didn’t.

NT: He had a stunt butt.

JB: Stunt ass. I got ass approval, though. Somebody came up to me with an iPhone with, like, four guys’ asses on it, and just being the insecure straight guy that I am I was just like [looks away], “That one! That one! Whatever. Whichever one is the first one that I see.”

Not because it was the nicest.

JB: Actually, there was one criteria. The least amount of in-grown hairs possible. Or the one that had the least amount of red spots.

What would you do if someone really asked you to do that?

JB: I wouldn’t.

NT: I would never let … but I was just thinking, coaches have to do swimmers! Someone’s gotta shave their back.

JB: I have to say I have a very hairy friend of mine; I shaved his back once, I think.

NT: That’s funny. I shaved my brother’s back once. I remember that; he was like, “Hey, can you get my shoulders?”

Molly’s supposedly the perfect woman: beautiful, well-educated, loves hockey. Describe your fantasy woman.

JB: [Nasally voice, impersonating Nate] “My wife!” That’s what Nate’s gonna say.

NT: [Laughs] I am married. I’m all about the little jock chicks. My wife, she played volleyball. I just remember that being a real turn-on to me. Like she was really athletic in the volleyball thing. I was, I do like sports, but then at the same time, obviously, I was in all the plays too. … I guess it’s all high-school ridden because I married her when I was like 20. But I remember being so proud she was going out with a guy who was like Mr. Basketball and …

JB: And you got her.

NT: And the theater guy [wins]! One up for the arties.

JB: For me, I think it would be a chick that likes sitting, watching television. Doesn’t want to go out. Who likes eating hamburgers. And also there is nothing sexier than a girl who wears a Montreal Canadiens hockey jersey. That is by far the hottest thing on Earth to me.

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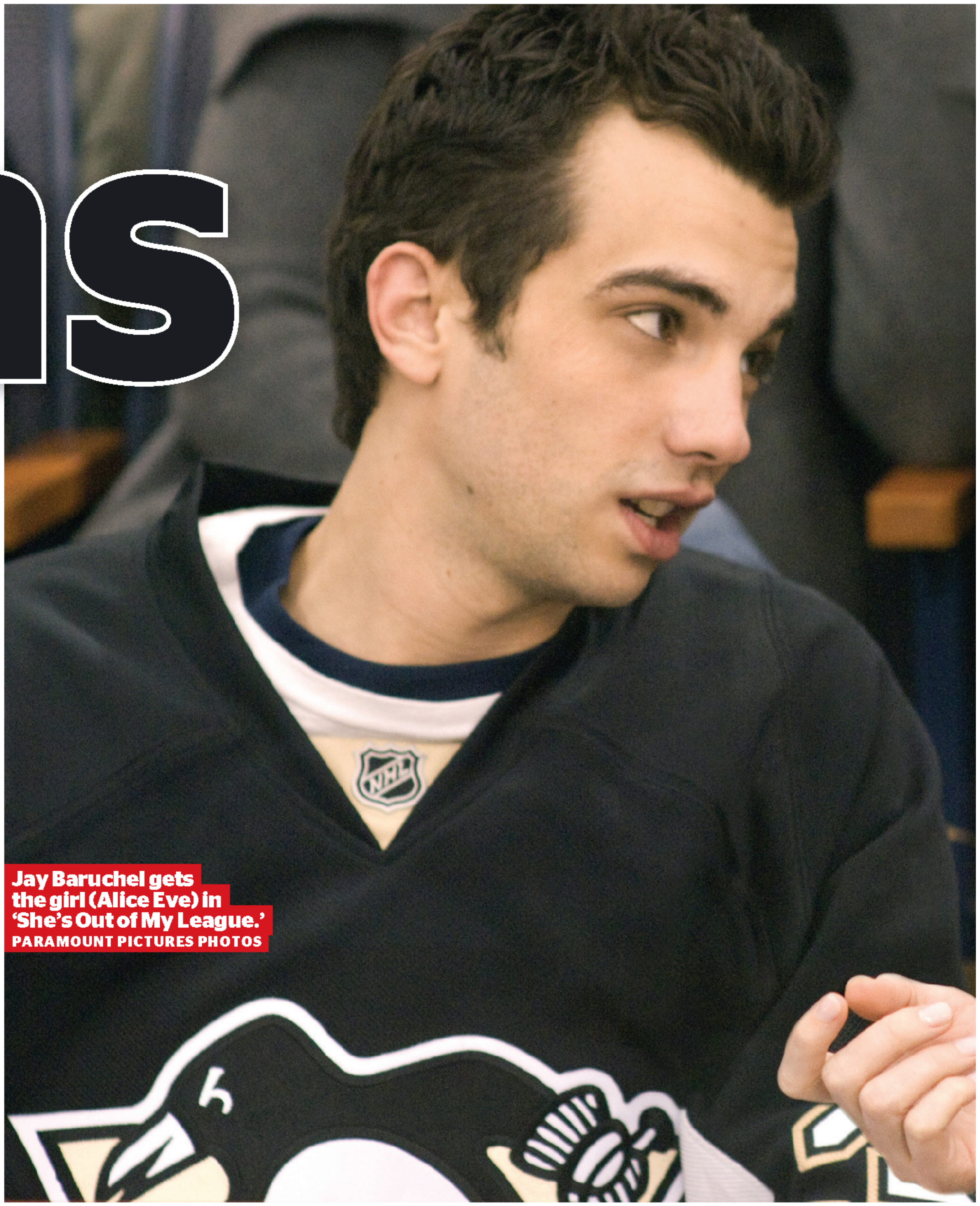

Jay Baruchel gets the girl (Alice Eve) in ‘She’s Out of My League.’
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Just gotta love Chicago

Nate Torrence studied at the Players Workshop of Second City in Chicago, but Jay Baruchel has been here only once. Here's what they had to say about the Windy City:

NT: What's sad is I was always—I know it sounds so touristy—but I have five Giordano's pizzas in my fridge right now. [Laughs] My wife loves 'em, so I actually buy them and ship 'em out. I have my pepperonis, sausages and cheese. We have them shipped and frozen. They dry ice 'em.

JB: It sucks 'cause this is honestly one of the towns I've always dreamt of coming to. It sucks that I'm here for 20 hours. This is my first time here. Honestly.

What I'll say for me, though, is that I've never met someone from Chicago that I didn't get along with. Honestly, I think people from here and Canadians are kinda similar in many respects. And so I've always loved everyone from here.

And also, like, I respect the hell out of your hockey team.

And I saw the coolest McDonald's ever on the way in. Those gigantic golden arches, it was like a spaceship. I lost my [bleep] in the car last night. I was like, "Holy [bleep] look at that thing!" So that seems pretty friggin' cool.

And the other thing that I dig about this town, something that'll be a connection between Montreal and Chicago aside from the weather, is that Montreal, from its inception until now, is like one of the last remaining crooked towns in North America. And it just adds a bit of a swagger to everything. And I know that this town has that as well. So kudos to you guys for that. **MP**

Nate Torrence (from left), Mike Vogel, Jay Baruchel and T.J. Miller play former high school buddies in "League."

NT: It's all about low maintenance.
JB: 150 percent.
NT: I don't like a lot of makeup ...
JB: Not the girl that taps me on the shoulder at 3 o'clock in the morning after we got back from a bar and is like [in British accent], "I want chocolate." That's something that I had to deal with.

Hungry British chocolate fiends?
JB: She was an absolutely lovely girl, but she was also one of these chicks ... I remember one time we were going to see a movie, and she and my sister got there before I did and I rushed in. I was just so psyched that I made it there in time, and I got my big coke and I sat down next to her and was like, [gasping], "I made it. Thank God." And I remember a little tap-tap-tap on my arm, I'm like, "Yeah, what?" And she didn't even say anything. She just pointed to her sleeve where there was a little droplet of cola on her sleeve, and I was like, "I'll get the napkins." That is the antithesis of what I want.

But if she had been wearing a Canadiens jersey?
JB: I would have been keeping it clean all day long.
NT: He would have had a steamer.
JB: I would have had a steamer and Febreeze.

Am I interpreting that accent right, she was British?
JB: Not just British. Her address contained neither a street name nor a number. It was The Sycamores. Like she had an estate. She's like the most blue-blood, lovely, lovely girl but just from a really different world. When she came to stay in my crummy one-and-a-half in the ghetto of NDG [a Montreal neighborhood] where I grew up, where I'm like paying 600 bucks rent and there's graffiti all over. I was her chance to slum it, I think.

How often do you look at IMDB message boards? People are debating both of your hotness.
NT: I need to talk to someone. Someone put me as an eight on the poster or something. And I was like, "Whoa." I'm scared of that because I'd rather be a three, 'cause everyone can fight for that. They can be like, "Nate's not a three!" But an eight, people are going to be fighting that I'm not an eight.
JB: It's just because the word "eight" is in your name. We were flying in yesterday talking about how our parents are real proud, so both of our parents get every Google alert about us. I will say that I'm not above getting into arguments on the IMDB message boards about myself.

Have you participated?
JB: Have I? Consistently. I won't tell you what my name on there is, but I've gotten into plenty of arguments there.

Fill in the blank. Men are:
JB: Unattractive to me.
NT: [Laughs] That's hilarious. Usually DJs on morning shows. That's what I'm going to say men are.
JB: Men are DJs on morning shows?
NT: That I don't get along with.

Women are:
JB: Women are the best thing the world came up with.
NT: Women are great.

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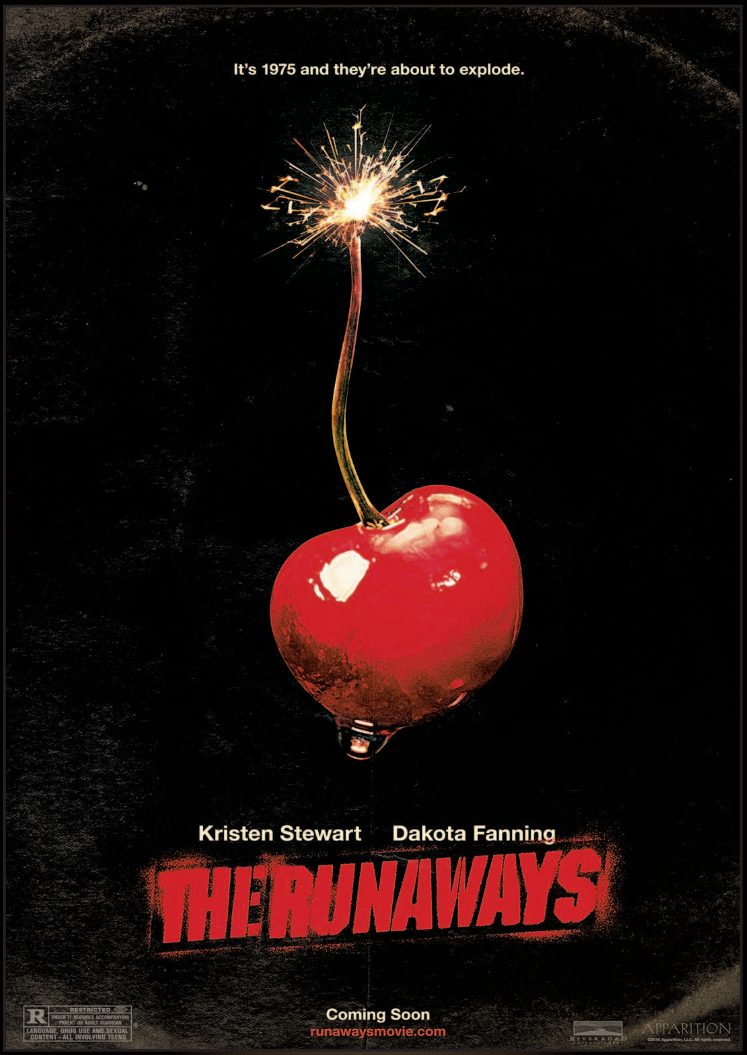
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Buckman Page

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- **Cop Out** (R) ★ 12:45,3:50,6:45,8:10,9:30,10:40
- **The Crazies** (R) ★ 1:40,2:20,4:30,5:20,7:40,8:20,10:10,10:50
- **The Ghost Writer** (PG–13) ★ 12:40,3:40,6:40,9:40
- **Shutter Island** (R) 12:30,1:10,3:40,4:10,6:50,7:20,9:50,10:20
- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) 12:20,3:10,6:10,9:10
- **The Wolfman** (R) 2:10,7:45
- **Valentine's Day** (PG–13) 1:20,4:20,7:15,10:05
- **Dear John** (PG–13) 5:00,10:25
- **Crazy Heart** (R) 1:50,4:50,7:50,10:35
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- **Cop Out** (R) ★ 1:50,4:30,7:20,10:10
- **Shutter Island** (R) 12:30,2:45,3:45,6:10,9:30,10:20
- **Valentine's Day** (PG–13) 1:40,4:40,7:40,10:30
- **It's Complicated** (R) 1:20,4:50,7:50,10:40
- **Up in the Air** (R) 2:20,5:10,8:10,10:45
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- **Brooklyn's Finest** (R) ★ 12:10,1:10,3:10,4:10,6:10,7:15,9:10,10:20
- **Cop Out** (R) ★ 12:50,1:20,3:40,4:20,6:40,7:10,9:20,9:50
- **The Crazies** (R) ★ 1:15,4:00,6:45,9:30
- **Shutter Island** (R) 12:45,3:50,6:50,10:00
- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) 2:10,5:00,7:45,10:30
- **The Wolfman** (R) 1:50,4:50,7:40,10:25
- **Valentine's Day** (PG–13) 1:40,4:30,7:50,10:40
- **Tooth Fairy** (PG) 12:40,3:30,6:20,9:00
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- **Brooklyn's Finest** (R) ★ 12:15,1:10,3:15,4:10,6:15,7:15,9:30,10:20
- **Cop Out** (R) ★ 12:45,2:10,3:40,4:50,6:40,7:40,9:20,10:30
- **The Crazies** (R) ★ 12:40,1:30,3:30,4:30,6:20,7:20,9:00,10:00
- **Shutter Island** (R) 12:10,3:20,6:45,9:50
- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) 12:50,3:50,6:50,9:40
- **The Wolfman** (R) 1:40,7:50
- **Valentine's Day** (PG–13) 4:40,10:40
- **Dear John** (PG–13) 7:10,10:10
- **Tooth Fairy** (PG) 1:20,4:20
- **Avatar** (PG–13) 2:30,6:10,9:55

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- **Cop Out** (R) ★ 2:10,5:00,7:45,10:30
- **The Ghost Writer** (PG–13) ★ 1:15,1:50,4:10,5:10,7:15,8:10,10:20,11:10
- **Shutter Island** (R) 1:00,3:10,4:40,6:20,7:50,9:30,11:00
- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) 12:50,3:50,6:40,9:40
- **The Wolfman** (R) 2:20,5:20,8:00,10:50
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- **Crazy Heart** (R) 12:40,3:20,6:10,9:10
- **The Book of Eli** (R) 1:10,4:00,6:50,10:00
- **Avatar 3D** (PG–13) 12:00,3:30,7:10,10:40
- **The Hurt Locker** (R) 1:20,4:20,7:40,10:45

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- **Alice in Wonderland 3D** (PG) ★ ***VIP Premium 21+*** 1:30,4:15,7:00,9:45
- **Shutter Island** (R) ***VIP Premium 21+*** 1:00,4:40,7:50,11:00

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- **Cop Out** (R) ★ 12:10,2:35,5:00,7:25,9:50
- **Shutter Island** (R) 1:00,3:55,6:50,9:45
- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) 1:30,4:05,6:40,9:15
- **Valentine's Day** (PG–13) 1:50,4:30,7:10,9:55
- **Avatar 3D** (PG–13) 1:05,4:25,7:45

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- **A Prophet** (R) ★ 12:30,3:50,7:15,10:40
- **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) ★ 12:50,1:30,3:30,4:10,6:10,6:50,8:50,9:30
- **Alice in Wonderland 3D** (PG) ★ 12:10,2:50,5:25,8:10,10:45
- **Alice in Wonderland 3D** (PG) ★ 11:30,2:10,4:50,7:30,10:10
- **Avatar** (PG–13) ★ 12:00,3:40,7:10,10:35
- **The Boondock Saints 10th Anniversary Event** (NR) ★ 7:30 P.M.
- **Brooklyn's Finest** (R) ★ 12:40,3:55,7:00,10:00
- **A Single Man** (R) 11:20 A.M.
- **Cop Out** (R) ★ 11:35,12:45,2:10,3:20,4:45,5:55,8:30
- **Crazy Heart** (R) 11:40,2:20,10:15
- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) 11:25,2:15,5:00,7:45,10:30
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- **The Crazies** (R) ★ 12:15,2:45,5:10,7:50,10:20
- **The Ghost Writer** (PG–13) ★ 11:45,1:05,2:35,4:05,5:30,7:05,8:25,10:05
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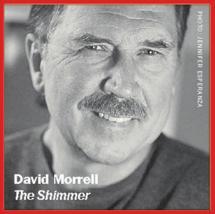

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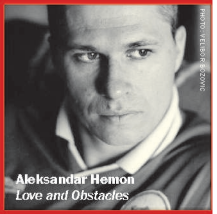

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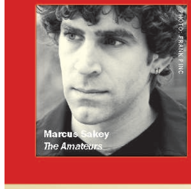

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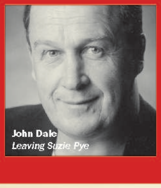

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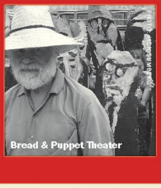

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Chicago Tribune

The list of ailments is long: corns, calluses, blisters, trapped nerves; toes so squished they look like claws. An actual condition called "mallet toe."

It's what comes from years of jamming ample feet into not-so-ample shoes. Oh, don't say you would never do that. According to a recent poll by the Society of Chiropodists and Podiatrists, nearly four in 10 women buy shoes knowing they don't fit. Two in 10 men do the same.

And in recent decades, feet have only gotten longer and wider. According to the National Shoe Retailers Association, 30 years ago the best-selling shoe size for women was 7 ½. Now it's 8 ½. For men, it used to be 9 ½. Now it's 10 ½.

Theories for the ever-spreading footprint abound. Some say the sturdy shoes our mothers put us in at an early age fostered growth. Others say it's all the pizza that teens chow down, blaming hormone-laced cheese.

Michael Weiss, Nordstrom's national retail director for women's shoes, says it's a simple shoe-to-foot algorithm: Once the comfort shoe came on the scene—the clog, the Earth shoe, the recently ubiquitous Crocs—"women's feet began to spread," he says, and getting back into pointy-toed struttin' shoes becomes a dog-gone squeeze.

Alas, the world of big-size shoes has hobbled to catch up to the big-footed.

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That's up to size 16, double wide. Dreamshoes won't carry any line that doesn't offer at least a women's size 13. And the images are shoes in sizes 11 or 12, not a dainty version of said shoe in, say, size 6. So you know what you're getting.

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Beware of bad vacation deals

South Florida Sun-Sentinel

This is the time of year when families and other travelers begin to book spring and summer vacations, which means it's also time to be on guard for bad or bogus travel deals.

Too often the best travel deals offered around this time simply are too good to be true. Bogus travel deals cost consumers more than $10 billion each year, the Better Business Bureau estimates. Want to make sure you're soaked by ocean waves and not a bad travel salesperson? Do your homework before you book. Here are five steps Travelzoo.com's Senior Editor Gabe Saglie says consumers should follow to verify a deal:

Do your homework

Call the travel provider and ask for details on final pricing, including all taxes and fees. Also, compare that final number against other market pricing to the same destination to make sure the offer really is a deal.

Ask what exactly is included

Does that free three-night stay come with a requirement to attend a high-pressure 90-minute timeshare sales pitch? Does that drastically reduced rate come with a pricey daily "resort fee?" More and more, hotels are tacking on additional fees such as "resort" or "housekeeping" that aren't included in the featured price of a deal. Also, double check that the destination you are flying into doesn't have a "departure tax" at the airport. While typically minimal, better to be prepared before arriving at the payment desk.

Check references

From word-of-mouth to the Better Business Bureau's database, do research on the travel provider, especially when it comes to paying up to companies you may not know.

Verify Web site security

Before entering credit card information online, check to make sure the Web address starts with "https" and not just "http" or anything else. The extra "s" in https signifies a secure site for credit card purchases and personal information.

Confirm what you buy

When possible, pay with a credit card. This is the safest way to pay for travel online since you can dispute charges for services you don't get. The trick is reporting fraudulent charges promptly. Once you've booked through a vacation company, confirm directly with the travel provider (i.e., airline, hotel, transportation, etc.) to make sure your itinerary matches their records. Make sure to print out all the details of your trip, including confirmation numbers and contact information for all companies that are part of your travel.

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Attack of the 'Dinoshark'

'Dinoshark'

If you made it through the Academy Awards on Sunday, you undoubtedly saw a kindly-looking octogenarian receive an ovation for winning an honorary Oscar.

That gentleman, Roger Corman, has deservedly earned the title of Master of the B-Movie, having written, produced and/or directed more than 350 horror, sci-fi, action and drama films over the past five decades, including "Attack of the Crab Monsters" (1957), "A Bucket of Blood" (1959), "The Little Shop of Horrors" (1960), "The Raven" (1963), "Boxcar Bertha" (1972), "Death Race 2000" (1978), "Munchies" (1987), "Frankenstein Unbound" (1990) and "Raptor" (2007).

His latest project, "Dinoshark," premieres at 8 p.m. Saturday on the Syfy channel. In it, a prehistoric shark wreaks havoc off the coast of Mexico, gnawing its way through swimmers, fishermen and police officers before a showdown with the film's star, Eric Balfour.

The movie has a vague message about global warming—the warmer climate causes the frozen shark egg to thaw—but Corman knows viewers will tune in for his particular brand of cheesy, mindless fun and "the terror, the horror of the Dinoshark."

"I have no illusions that this is going to convince anybody that doesn't believe in global warming," he told me last week, chuckling, "but it illustrates a possibility and to me, it's nice to do that."

"Dinoshark" follows Corman's last two projects for Syfy, "Dinocroc" and "Supergator." And even though the legend will turn 84 in April, he's not slowing down. Corman's also working on "Camel Spiders," "Dinocroc vs. Supergator" and "Stealing Las Vegas," a drama Corman says turns the caper genre on its head.

His next Syfy project, called "Sharktopus," is in production in Mexico, with Eric Roberts as the lead.

To hear Corman joyfully describe the fantastic flick and the creature itself—a half-shark, half-octopus developed for the Navy as a weapon to battle Somali pirates—is to understand why he's been so successful for so long and has influenced directors from James Cameron to Ron Howard.

"I love movies," he said. "I have no reason to stop."

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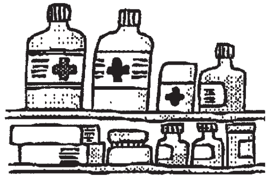

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Christopher Nolan has some super ideas

Los Angeles Times

The topic at the Batcave on Monday night was the future of that other superhero—you, know, the one from Metropolis.

"It's very exciting, we have a fantastic story," Christopher Nolan said. "And we feel we can do it right. We know the milieu, if you will, we know the genre and how to get it done right."

Nolan was standing next to his wife, producer Emma Thomas, his partner in all of his films—including "Batman Begins" and "The Dark Knight"—and he was explaining their plan to take on a challenge that has frustrated Hollywood for two decades: Getting another Superman film franchise off the ground.

Nolan, speaking about the Superman project for the first time, is pleased with the excitement stirred but sees no value in revealing all of his tricks before the curtain goes up. Still, he wanted to answer some of the early questions about his plans for Superman as well as his third visit to Gotham City.

Superman

David S. Goyer is writing the script. In his Batman films, the Dark Knight exists in a world where he is the only superhero. A similar approach will be used with the Man of Steel. Nolan wants to put together a deep cast for "Superman," like he has for the Batman films.

Batman

Jonathan Nolan, the director's brother, is "now doing the hard work" of writing the script based on the story by Goyer and the director. As for the villain, he conceded one tidbit: "It won't be Mr. Freeze." The second film ends, literally, with Batman on the run, a fugitive. Nolan says the third film will "finish our story." "And in viewing it as the finishing of a story rather than infinitely blowing up the balloon and expanding the story." The key characters from the two first films and the actors who play them will be back.

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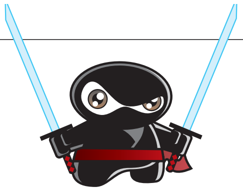

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COREY HAIM 1971-2010

1980s star struggled with drug addiction

Associated Press

Corey Haim, the 1980s teen heartthrob whose career was blighted by drug abuse, has died. He was 38.

Haim died early Wednesday at Providence St. Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, Los Angeles County coroner's Lt. Cheryl MacWillie said.

"As he got out of bed, he felt a little weak and went down to the floor on his knees," Assistant Chief Coroner Ed Winter said. His mother called paramedics. An autopsy will determine cause of death. There was no evidence of foul play, police said.

Haim, who gained attention for roles in "Lucas" and "The Lost Boys," had flulike symptoms before he died and was getting over-the-counter and prescription medications, police Sgt. William Mann said.

His friend and fellow actor Corey Feldman said he wept when he heard the news.

"This is a tragic loss of a wonderful, beautiful, tormented soul, who will always be my brother, family and best friend," he said in a statement. "We must all take this as a lesson in how we treat the people we share this world with while they are still here to make a difference."

Haim acknowledged his struggle with drug abuse to a British tabloid in 2004. "I was working on 'Lost Boys' when I smoked my first joint," he told The Sun. "I did cocaine for about a year and a half, then it led to crack."

The Toronto-born actor got his start in television commercials at 10 and developed a good reputation for his work in such films as 1985's "Murphy's Romance" and his portrayal of Liza Minnelli's dying son in the 1985 television film "A Time to Live." His career peaked when he became a heartthrob with his roles in the 1986 movie "Lucas" and "The Lost Boys" in 1987.

In later years, he made a few TV appearances and had several direct-to-video movies. He also had a handful of recent movies that have not yet been released.

A LOOK AT HAIM'S CAREER

'Lucas' *1986*

Haim, then 14, played a supreme geek in love with the new girl in school, but she only had eyes for Charlie Sheen's character. A very young Winona Ryder played a dorky girl with a crush on Lucas.

'License to Drive' *1988*

The two Coreys starred with Heather Graham in the comedy about a teen (Haim) trying to get his license and the hot girl.

'The Lost Boys' *1987*

Haim (left) and Feldman teamed up to fight off vampires, including one played by a very blond Kiefer Sutherland, in their California town.

'The Two Coreys' *2007*

The short-lived reality show had the penniless Haim (left) moving in with Feldman (right) and his wife—and causing serious friction. **EMILY ROSENBAUM MAKA, REDEYE; AETN PHOTO**

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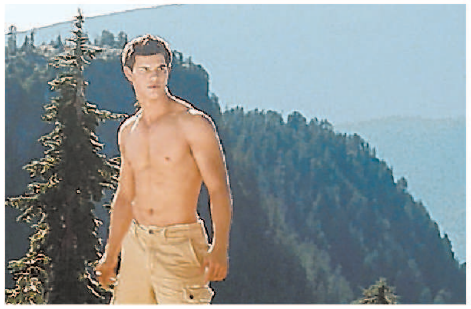

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The “Twilight” folks sure know a lot of about delayed gratification. Producers of the film franchise released a 10-second teaser trailer a day before the 90-second trailer for the third movie, “Eclipse,” is to be unleashed. The blip of a trailer only includes two lines of dialogue, but one is rather stalker-esque. Jacob says to Bella: “I’m going to fight for you—until your heart stops beating.” Kinda creepy.

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Sneak preview

What big movie are you looking forward to this year? Text “**movie**” followed by the number of your answer below to **87708**. You’ll get the results instantly.

1. “The Green Hornet”
2. “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part I”
3. “Iron Man 2”
4. “Toy Story 3”
5. “The Twilight Saga: Eclipse”

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$74.95

That’s the price for each of the “Mad Men” Barbie dolls Mattel plans to have on shelves in July. The collectors’ series will include Don Draper, Betty Draper, Roger Sterling and Joan Holloway, The New York Times reports.

Small screen moneymakers

Ratings, schmatings. It’s all about the money. **Forbes.com** calculated TV’s 10 most lucrative shows based on how much revenue they generate in 30 minutes.

Here are the top five:
1. “American Idol” $8.1 million
2. “Two and a Half Men” $3.1 million
3. “24” $3 million
4. “Grey’s Anatomy” $2.8 million
5. “V” $2.8 million

Spotted

There’s been a Vince Vaughn sighting in the burbs. Vaughn was in downtown Des Plaines to film a TV pilot and the crew took over the Choo Choo Restaurant, according to **triblocal.com**. Vaughn signed autographs for a group of fans who had gathered behind a barricade.

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Conan O’Brien
NBC

Sarah Killen
AP

Friend benefits

Conan O’Brien’s sole Twitter followee has cracked 20,000 followers. Sarah Killen, 19, of Michigan, appeared on CNN on Wednesday and said she used to be “really hard-up for stuff” but now is receiving swag, including a limo, wedding bands and donated wine for her upcoming nuptials. She even got to meet Ludacris, who gave her free tickets to his concert.

AP

> “I don’t know why everyone is acting like I didn’t have the right to be there. His Oscar is not bigger than my Oscar.”

Elinor Burkett, on being compared to Kanye West after her spotlight-grab at the Academy Awards while “Music by Prudence” director Roger Ross Williams spoke

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